

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Taggart                                 )     Examiner:  
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Serial No.:   )     Art Unit:  
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Filed:    )     Dkt. No.: STEU-3250

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASEPTIC PACKAGING

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert: --This application is a  
divisional of Serial No. 09/306,552, filed on May 6, 1999, which  
is a non-provisional of Serial No. 60/118,404, filed on February  
2, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19 and 21.

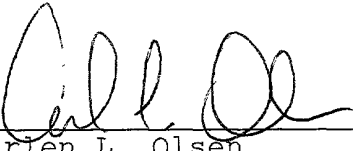
REMARKS

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary

in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 31, 2001

  
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